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SUBJ: FRANCO-CHADIAN TALKS PROBABLE

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1. FROM HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN PRESIDENCY WE LEARN RATHER DELICATE MINUET NOW UNDERWAY BETWEEN TOMBALBAYE AND POMPIDOU. FORMER APPARENTLY SEEKING PERSONAL MEETING WITH LATTER WHICH POMPIDOU PREFERS TO AVOID FOR PRESENT. GOF RECENTLY OFFERED TO SEND SECSTATE FOR COOPERATION DENIAU TO FORT LAMY ON SHORTEST NOTICE FOR TALKS RE FUTURE OF FRENCH ASSISTANCE. TOMBALBAYE DECLINED DENIAU VISIT BEFORE JULY 30 ON GROUNDS HE IS PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON LONG-RUMORED CABINET RESHUFFLE AND COMPLETE RESTRUCTURING OF PARTI PROGRESSISTE CHADIEN.

2. DIALOGUE IS TAKING PLACE AT FORT LAMY THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY AS FRENCH AMBASSADOR WIBAUX AND PRESIDENT NOT ON SPEAKING TERMS. AMBASSADOR IS CURRENTLY TAKING POSITION THAT HE WILL NOT TRANSMIT ANY DEFINITIVE CHADIAN REQUEST FOR DENIAU VISIT OR ARRANGE DATES UNLESS PRESIDENT (A) CALLS
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HIM AND MAKES REQUEST PERSONALLY AND (B) CALLS OFF INCREASINGLY

VIRULENT ANTI-FRENCH CAMPAIGN IN LOCAL MEDIA. WIBAUX RETURNED FROM PARIS JULY 5 AFTER SHORT LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS AND UNCHARACTERISTICALLY HAS NOT SEEN PRESIDENT SINCE HIS RETURN. WHEN HE AND FRENCH MILITARY BOYCOTTED ANNUAL ARMY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY JULY 12, ALL CHADIAN OFFICIALDOM BOYCOTTED BASTILLE DAY RECEPTION, EXCEPT FOR ONE CABINET MINISTER DEPUTED TO REPRESENT PRESIDENT. AS OF NOW PRESIDENT IS STILL REFUSING TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH WIBAUX AND CALL OFF ANTI-FRENCH CAMPAIGN WHICH CONCENTRATING THIS WEEK ON EXPOSING HOMOSEXUALITY, AN ALLEGEDLY FRENCH-IMPORTED, UN-CHADIAN VICE. (RATIO OF THOSE SO FAR APPREHENDED: ONE FRENCH PHARMACIST, SIX CHADIANS.)

3. FROM ANOTHER VERY RELIABLE SOURCE IN PRESIDENCY WE LEARN THAT PRESIDENT IS INDEED GIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION TO OVERDUE RESTAFFING AND RESHUFFLE OF HIS DEPLETED CABINET AND TO SWEEPING REFORM OF MORIBUND PPT. SOME RUMORS WE HAVE NOW INDICATE CABINET CHANGES AND NEW PARTY FORMAT (WHICH MAY EVEN MEAN DISBANDMENT OF OLD PPT) WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE END OF JULY.
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